

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

INTRODUCED BY JACKSON

BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ACTUARIAL AND FISCAL SOUNDNESS AND EQUITY OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, REVIEW AND REPORT ON CERTAIN LEGISLATION RELATED TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, ESTABLISH PRINCIPLES OF SOUND FISCAL AND PUBLIC POLICY AS GUIDELINES FOR LEGISLATION AFFECTING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, GENERALLY MONITOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE SYSTEMS, AND INFORM LEGISLATORS ABOUT ISSUES REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING BOARDS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND THE STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, ~~AND TO ACCEPT FROM A RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT~~; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-228, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-5-228, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-228. State administration and veterans' affairs interim committee. (1) The state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the public employee retirement plans and for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to the agencies for administrative purposes:

~~(1)~~(a) department of administration;

~~(2)~~(b) department of military affairs; and

~~(3)~~(c) office of the secretary of state.

(2) The committee shall:

(a) consider the ACTUARIAL AND fiscal soundness of the state's public employee retirement systems,

1 based on reports from the teachers' retirement board, the public employees' retirement board, and the board
2 of investments, and study and evaluate the equity and benefit structure of the state's public employee retirement
3 systems;

4 (b) establish principles of sound fiscal and public policy as guidelines;

5 (c) as necessary, develop legislation to keep the retirement systems consistent with sound policy
6 principles;

7 (d) solicit and review proposed statutory changes to any of the state's public employee retirement
8 systems;

9 (e) report to the legislature on each legislative proposal reviewed by the committee. The report must
10 include but is not limited to:

11 (i) a summary of the fiscal implications of the proposal;

12 (ii) an analysis of the effect that the proposal may have on other public employee retirement systems;

13 (iii) an analysis of the soundness of the proposal as a matter of public policy;

14 (iv) any amendments proposed by the committee; and

15 (v) the committee's recommendation on whether the proposal should be enacted by the legislature.

16 (f) attach the committee's report to any proposal that the committee considered and that is or has been
17 introduced as a bill during a legislative session; and

18 (g) publish, for legislators' use, information on the state's public employee retirement systems.

19 (3) The committee may:

20 (a) specify the date by which proposals affecting a retirement system must be submitted to the
21 committee for the review contemplated under subsection (2)(d); AND

22 (b) request personnel from state agencies, including boards, political subdivisions, and the state public
23 employee retirement systems, to furnish any information and render any assistance that the committee may
24 request; and

25 ~~——— (c) accept from a retirement system or a public employee or retiree organization monetary contributions~~
26 ~~for legislative retirement studies. The contributions must be deposited in the state special revenue fund."~~

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$5,000 from the state general
29 fund to the legislative services division to be used to pay for the activities of the state administration and
30 veterans' affairs interim committee in executing the provisions of 5-5-228.

(2) The appropriation in subsection (1) is a biennial appropriation for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2007.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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